

LEGISLATIVE
SESSION OPENS
AT MONTPELIER

Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea
Was Elected Speaker of
the House, with Only a
Slight Opposition—Harry
A. Black of Newport Was
Chosen Clerk

REV. J. H. WILLS WAS
CHOSEN CHAPLAIN

William T. Fairchild of Fair-
field Was Elected Presi-
dent Pro Tem. of the Sen-
ate and Guy M. Page of
Burlington Was Elected
as Secretary—Inaugura-
tion of Governor Thursday

The Vermont legislature convened at the State House in Montpelier to-day, pursuant to the constitution and laws of the state, and promptly organized for business. The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Hale K. Darling of Chelsea, while the House was called to order by Secretary of State Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction. There were 242 members present in the House, out of a possible 245, and there was only one absentee in the Senate, Senator Nelson T. Aldrich of Rutland county, who was detained by illness but expected to be on hand Monday next.

In the House, the following named members-elect were not present: A. A. Briggs of Granville, Thomas Smith of Brownington and L. N. Potter of Clarendon. Announcement was made of the death of W. C. Daniels of Westmore.

S. C. Wilson Speaker of House.
The secretary of state directed the election of speaker for the two years ensuing. Mr. Metzger of Randolph presented the name of Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea, which was seconded by Mr. Moore of Ludlow, Mr. Barrett of Cabot, Mr. Howland of Barre City, Mr. Hunt of Danville, Mr. Gates of Franklin, Mr. Reardon of Brattleboro and Mr. Matot of Poultney.

Mr. Pollard of Cavendish presented the name of D. E. O'Sullivan of Colchester, which was seconded by Mr. Brooks of Montpelier and Mr. Foley of Montpelier.

The ballot resulted as follows: Mr. Wilson had 211 votes and Mr. O'Sullivan had 27, therefore the secretary of state declared that Stanley C. Wilson was elected speaker. Mr. O'Sullivan moved to make the election of Mr. Wilson unanimous, and it was so voted.

The secretary of state designated Mr. Smith of St. Albans City, Mr. Williams of Proctor and Mr. Hicks of Waterbury to wait on the speaker-elect and escort him to the bar of the House, where the oath was administered and the speaker escorted to the chair.

Harry A. Black Clerk.
The speaker was received with applause as he took his position, and, after a brief speech, he directed the attention of the House to the election of a clerk; Mr. Prouty of Newport presented the name of Harry A. Black of Newport, which was seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester, Mr. Austin of Reading, Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, Mr. Barrett of Cabot and Mr. Pirie of Williamstown. Mr. Black was unanimously elected, and after taking the oath of office, administered the oath to the members-elect.

Mr. Fenton of Rutland City offered the following resolution: "That the rules of the last session be the rules of the present session until others are adopted." Adopted.

Mr. Rierden of Barton offered the following resolution: "That his excellency, the governor, be informed that the House has completed its organization and is ready to receive any communication from him." Adopted. Mr. Rierden of Barton and Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington were appointed sub-committee and performed their duty.

Mr. Phelps of Fair Haven offered the following resolution: "That the clerk of the House inform the Senate that the House is organized and ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session." Adopted.

Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington offered the following resolution: "That the House now proceed to the election of a chaplain of the House of Representatives." Adopted.

lington and Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington. The result of the vote was:
Whole number of votes cast... 239
J. H. Wills had... 146
Edgar Crossland... 65
P. C. Manzer... 28

and the speaker declared Rev. J. H. Wills elected chaplain.

Joint Resolutions.
A joint resolution by Mr. Hunt of Danville, providing two daily and two weekly newspapers for the members and officers of the general assembly, was adopted on the part of the House.

The House adopted, in concurrence, joint resolutions from the Senate, adopting temporary joint rules and providing for a committee to canvass the vote cast for state officers.

The appointment of Julius A. Wilcox as first assistant clerk and Roswell M. Austin of St. Albans City as second assistant clerk, was announced.

Joint Resolution.
By Mr. Beard of Waterville: "That the two houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes in the forenoon, to receive the message of the retiring governor." Adopted on the part of the House.

Fairchild President of Senate.
The Senate was as expeditious as the House in organizing. After Lieut. Gov. Darling had called the assembly to order, devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Wills of Montpelier, chaplain of the House in 1906. When the roll of the members was called, Senator Chalmers stated that Senator Aldrich was unable to be present because of illness but was expected to be in attendance Monday.

On motion of Senator Peck of Chittenden county, the Senate proceeded to the election of officers. Guy M. Page of Burlington was elected secretary. Senators Peck of Chittenden and A. W. Foote of Addison asked the senators not to vote for president pro tem, and Senator Foote nominated William T. Fairchild of the town of Fairfield, Franklin county, to that office. Senator Fairchild was elected.

For the election of chaplain, F. E. Steele of Washington county presented the name of Rev. Lewis C. Carson of Montpelier; M. A. Adams of Orleans named Rev. Marcellus W. Farman of Westfield, whose name was seconded by senators from Addison, Chittenden, Rutland, Windham and Windsor counties. This resulted in: Farman 25, Carson 3, whereupon, on motion of Senator Steele, the election of Mr. Farman was made unanimous.

At this point the Senate went through the formality of notifying the House and Gov. Gates that he Senate was ready for business. M. C. Taf. of Bristol was appointed assistant secretary and was administered the oath of office.

Upon motion of Senator Demerit of Washington county, the joint rules of the session of 1915 were made the rules of this session until others are provided; and on motion of Senator Foote a resolution was adopted, calling for the selection of one senator and three representatives from each county to canvass the votes for state officers. The senators on the part of the Senate were chosen as follows: Foote of Addison, Howe of Bennington, Morse of Caledonia, Hanley of Chittenden, Hubbard of Essex, Ladd of Franklin, Hubard of Grand Isle, Leavens of Lamoille, Bigelow of Orange, Russell of Orleans, Aldrich of Rutland, Bancroft of Washington, Witt of Windham and Cady of Windsor.

Senator Foote of Addison was elected to act with the president and president pro tem in nominating the standing committees. Joint resolutions were adopted for canvassing votes for state officers this afternoon, for hearing the outgoing and incoming governors Thursday and for newspapers for the members.

Gov. Gates instructed Atty. Gen. Barber to take steps necessary to send Rate Cases Back to Public Service Commission.

Gov. Gates to-day made the following statement concerning the settlement of the telephone cases pending before the state and federal courts, the cases having been started during the administration of Gov. Fletcher:

"The appeal from the order of the public service commission, which order was made some two years ago, cutting down certain rates for certain classes of service, pending in the United States district court, district of Vermont, have been carefully considered by me and in view of the changed conditions, changes which have come about since the order was made, including the increase of taxes assessed by the state and including the high cost of material used by the companies, and in view of a proposition made by the telephone companies to make certain improvements, I directed the attorney general to have such an agreement made as will be necessary to have the cases sent back to the public service commission for such further proceedings as will be necessary to carry out the proposed undertaking of the telephone company, looking to a general improvement of the plant and service, subject to such orders and directions as may be made by the public service commission."

Atty. Gen. H. G. Barber to-day made a supplementary statement, that "steps have been taken to carry out the directions of the governor in reference to the telephone company and that the necessary entries have been made and the cases have been remanded to the public service commission for further proceedings. It is understood that the proposition for the improvement of the telephone of the plant and service of the telephone company throughout the state will include an expenditure of upwards of quarter of a million dollars."

Joint Resolution.
By Mr. Smith of St. Albans City: "That the two houses meet in joint assembly on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock and 15 minutes in the afternoon, to receive the message of the incoming governor." Adopted on the part of the House.

GERMANY MAY
STATE TERMS
OF ENDING WAR

Chancellor Von Bethmann-
Hollweg Received a Call
from Ambassador Gerard,
During Which He Is Be-
lieved to Have Learned of
Germany's Purpose

IF UNITED STATES
SHOULD AGAIN ASK

Meanwhile the War Activi-
ties Are Continuing, with
the Hardest Fighting Seen
on the Front in the East-
ern Section, Where Teu-
tons Keep on Winning

Berlin, Jan. 2, via London, Jan. 3.—United States Ambassador Gerard took advantage of New Year's to call yesterday to discuss the entente answer to Germany's peace proposal with Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg. The ambassador is believed to have learned what possibility there is of Germany acting favorably on a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a move.

OFFENSIVE WAS
UNDERTAKEN BUT
WITHOUT AVAIL

Berlin Reports That Rumanians and Rus-
sians Were Repulsed on Moldavian
Front and Lost Many
Positions.

Berlin, via wireless, Jan. 3.—On the Moldavian front yesterday strong attacks were made by Russo-Rumanian forces. To-day's official announcement states these assaults failed, with heavy losses to the attackers. The towns of Barseti and Topcei, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutonic forces.

In the interior of Rumania, the Russians and Rumanians have been driven back west and south of Pokshani and the invaders are now in front of a fortified Russian position. In Dobruja, the Russians are resisting strenuously, but have been driven back further. Austro-German raiding forces yesterday conducted successful operations in northern Galicia, in which 130 Russians were made prisoners. The statement says: "Artillery activity of a lively sort is reported in the Meuse sector of the Franco-Belgian front and a successful patrol operation near the Lorraine border."

COULD START FIRE
TEN HOURS LATER

Small Murder Case Witness Said That If
He Had Certain Apparatus and It
Was New He Could Accom-
plish It.

Ossipee, N. H., Jan. 3.—Answering a hypothetical question propounded by the prosecution, Dr. Bartley A. Carlson, a garage owner, who was witness to-day at the trial of Frederick L. Small, charged with his wife's murder, declared that with spark plugs, wires and other articles found in the ruins of the Small home, he could produce fire at a given time. The question put to him was: "Assuming that you had spark plugs, copper wires, an alarm clock, a coil, dry cells, gasoline and kerosene, could you set a fire to take place 10 hours afterward?" The witness' answer was: "Yes, if the materials were new."

On cross examination, the witness testified that if the location of the telephone in the Small house had been changed and the wires left in their former position, and if the stovepipe had been supported by wires, these facts could have accounted for the fire and nails found in the cellar. He also was questioned regarding defects in the spark plugs found in the ruins. Dr. Carlson also testified regarding the rope found about the neck of Mrs. Small and showed the jury just how it was tied.

PROMINENT IN FRATERNITIES.
Daniel Webster Tenney Died at Age of
79 Years.

Brattleboro, Jan. 3.—Daniel Webster Tenney, aged 79, died to-day of a paralytic shock. He was the father of Elbert C. Tenney of Dummerston, a representative in the legislature.

Mr. Tenney was former manager of the late ex-Gov. Holbrook's farm. He was an Old Fellow for 43 years, financial secretary of Ossipee encampment for 32 years, trustee of Wampanoag lodge for 25 years and he was decorated with a 40-year veteran's jewel at his golden wedding three years ago.

CENTENARIAN DEAD.
Mrs. Eliza Morse Was Member of Long-
Lived Family.

Brattleboro, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Eliza Morse, who observed her 100th birthday last June, being the oldest person in Brattleboro, died to-day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Albee. She was the youngest of 11 children of James Nichols, all of whom lived to be over 90 years of age. Her husband was the late Henry Morse, a farmer. Mrs. Morse made her last cheese at the age of 10 and made butter until she was 91.

PROFITABLE DISCUSSIONS.
Were Held at Agricultural Extension
School at Plainfield.

Plainfield, Jan. 3.—The extension school in agriculture opened here yesterday morning at 10:30 with 22 farmers in attendance. The county agent, F. H. Abbott opened the meeting with the topic, "Feeding the Dairy Cow." The talk was followed by a very intelligent discussion on the part of the farmers concerning particular questions. The fact was emphasized that a thorough knowledge of facts about the herd are absolutely necessary before the farmer can intelligently learn to feed. He should know the absolute production per cow per year and pounds of butter fat and milk. Cow testing associations were recommended as furnishing this foundation.

Prof. Jenks utilized the last hour of the forenoon session with a discussion of clover and alfalfa, laying particular emphasis on the alfalfa and predicting that before many years alfalfa would be as common as clover in Vermont and would certainly be much more profitable to use as a feed in connection with dairy cows on account of its high protein content, palatability and appetizing qualities. Prof. Jenks said that it was cheaper by far to grow clover than timothy for feeding the dairy cows even if it was necessary to reseed every second or third year as the extra price of seed for an acre nowhere near matches the ultimate returns in feeding value that can be obtained by growing these types of feed.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 by Prof. Jenks with a discussion of the corn crop. In starting he repeated a remark made by a former student of agriculture, who said: "It is a king and clover is queen, then alfalfa must be the ace, whatever that means." Prof. Jenks said that Vermont farmers should grow more corn than they do, as it is one of the cheapest of the dairy feeds. He explained at length the growth, treatment and fertilization of the corn crop and urged that a particular study of varieties be made in order that the farmer should be able to select a variety for his silage purposes that would reach the grazing stage at approximately the time of the first frost, allowing a maximum growth of fodder and an accompanying maximum feed value content.

County Agent Abbott next took up the subject of economical rationing with particular reference to roughage and their value in the ration. He advised the use of soy beans, clover and alfalfa because of their relative production per acre and their high and valuable protein content. These roughages grown and fed in connection with the silage crop, which is the cheapest roughage of any kind, will surely lead the dairy farmer on to greater success.

Thomas Moran, supervisor of cow testing associations in Vermont, continued the discussion of economical rationing by figuring out economical feeding rations from feeds that can be obtained locally. The closing hour of the day was taken up by a discussion of the hay crop led by Prof. Jenks.

The evening session which opened at 8 o'clock was taken up by a lantern slide talk on "The Milk of the Future" and by a very interesting talk by Mr. Ingalls, state leader of Boys' and Girls' clubs, on "Boys' and Girls' Club Work." The students of the junior high school under Mr. Hanson attended the first part of the afternoon session in a body and a large number of the children of the village were present in the evening to hear Mr. Ingalls' talk. The school will be continued with morning and afternoon sessions, closing Friday afternoon.

LAWYERS CAME TO VERMONT.
Harlow G. Leavens from Michigan and
Ira J. Dutton from New York.

Just prior to a recess being taken in supreme court yesterday afternoon to permit the holding of the bar association meeting two persons were admitted to practice law in the Vermont courts, having come here from Michigan and New York. Harlow G. Leavens of Lyndonville was until recently a member of the Michigan bar and Ira J. Dutton of Wilmington was formerly of the New York bar. To-day Joseph T. Fratini of Montpelier, who passed the examination several months ago, was admitted.

Opinions were read in supreme court as follows: Franklin county: Paul Desmarcher vs. Stephen N. Frost, verdict for the defendant affirmed; Powers, Windham county: Sumner Ellingwood, et al. vs. Armon E. Ellingwood, et al. decree for the orator affirmed, with dismissal of cross bill with costs; Watson, also Alfra H. Rider vs. Vermont Last Block Co. judgment affirmed for plaintiff, \$6,985.37 verdict, except as to damages, reversed and cause remanded; Haselton.

Washington county: R. C. Bowers Granite Co. vs. Drew Daniels Granite Co., judgment for defendant affirmed; Caledonia county: Gilman Bros. vs. Austin T. Booth, verdict for plaintiff of \$1,075.23 affirmed; Taylor; also W. L. Johnson vs. Cass & Emerson, reversed and remanded; Watson: Albert Packett vs. Moretown Creamery Co., et al. appeal from industrial accident board, order vacated and award set aside; Taylor.

MAN AND HORSE KILLED.
Plunged off Culvert Near West Rutland
in Darkness.

Rutland, Jan. 3.—Francis Kuchenski, unmarried, aged about 21 years, employed by the Vermont Marble company, was found dead yesterday morning at about 7:30 o'clock, as was the horse attached to the sleigh which he had hired at West Rutland Monday. The man was evidently killed early in the night, the accident occurring four miles north of West Rutland in Whipple hollow. At the point where the body was found, the highway runs parallel with the Clarendon & Pittsford railroad track. It is surmised Kuchenski, in driving down a steep hill, mistook the railroad track in the darkness for the highway and turned his horse upon it. The rig struck a culvert, and the man was evidently pitched headfirst over the dashboard into a shallow stream, where he was drowned in a few inches of water, probably being stunned by the fall. The horse was in some unexplainable way killed by the plunge of only a few feet.

VERMONT BAR
ELECTION HELD

George Young of Montpelier,
Formerly of Newport,
President

BANQUET SERVED
LAST EVENING

Retiring President, John W.
Gordon, Gave Address
Prior to Banquet

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Vermont Bar association at Montpelier to-day: President, George Young of Montpelier, formerly of Newport; secretary and librarian, John H. Minnis of Burlington; treasurer, E. M. Harvey of Montpelier. The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to revise the constitution of the bar association and the president will be the chairman ex officio. President John W. Gordon's address on legislation and two memorial sketches constituted the exercises held in the Washington county court room just preceding the banquet at the Pavilion hotel last evening. Supreme and superior judges, eleven in number, were guests of the association at the exercises and banquet.

The sketch of John H. Senter, late of Montpelier, was prepared by State Librarian George Wing and read by Secretary Minnis and the sketch of John Young, late of Newport, was prepared by ex-Gov. Josiah Grout and read by John W. Redmond, the latter making brief supplementary remarks. Gov.-elect Horace E. Graham, Chief Justice Loveland Munson of the supreme court, Frank C. Archibald, Marcellus C. Webber and Justice William H. Taylor were the speakers at the banquet, the toastmaster being S. Hollister Jackson of Barre. Governor C. W. Gates was unable to attend because of slight illness and M. Oscar Dorais, K. C., Montreal bar, was unable to attend. Letters were read from ex-Chief Justice John W. Rowell, Judge Wendell P. Stafford of Washington, D. C., formerly of St. Johnsbury, and from Judge James M. Tyler of Brattleboro.

PRES. GORDON'S ADDRESS.
Took for His Topic "Legislation" in
Speaking to Lawyers.

President Gordon's address to the bar association last evening had for its topic, "Legislation," and the speaker said:

"It is often humorously stated that Vermont's first constitutional convention adopted the laws of God and Commandment until the legislature would have time to frame better ones. If the framers of our first constitution did set such a task, we doubt if they anticipated that it would be uncompleted after the lapse of 140 years. But such appears to be the case, and some may query how far the laws of God, not to mention those of Connecticut, have been improved. "That there have been many changes, substitutions and revisions is known. We have had approximately thirty thousand enacted laws, some of which have contained numerous provisions. Without an actual count, and excluding general revisions, we may safely conclude that our legislature has made more than two hundred thousand distinct alterations of, or additions to, our laws in 140 years. The modest little volume of 800 sections in our present revision of 1917 has expanded into one of over seven thousand sections in the proposed revision of 1917. The Justinian code contained only 4,000 enactments. Our lawmakers have certainly been busy bees, but have they produced (Continued on second page.)

HELD AN AUTOPSY.
On Body of Infant as Burial Permit Was
First Refused.

Under the direction of Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart an autopsy was performed this afternoon on the body of (Go Ghillani, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ghillani of 1 Bugbee avenue. The child died sometime early this morning. It is stated that the mother was unattended by a physician when the baby was born a fortnight ago and that a doctor who was called just recently refused to issue a burial permit. The post mortem examination, it was expected, would determine the cause of the infant's death.

The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Perry & Noonan in Depot square this forenoon and as soon as the results of the autopsy are made known, preparations for the funeral will be completed. Interment will be made in the cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BROKEN AXLE HELD TRAIN.
Serious Result Narrowly Averted on the
M. & W. R. R. Main Line.

A broken axle on the M. & W. R. passenger train from Boston delayed the mail connections with Barre at 11:30 o'clock this forenoon, and while the suburban service, except for the omission of the noon train, was nearly normal, it was not thought that the through mail would arrive until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Not until the train neared the South Ryegate station was the axle fracture discovered. Then the train stopped because of the derailment of the tender. Trainmen regarded the discovery as a fortunate outcome of what might have been a serious accident. A wrecking crew was dispatched to South Ryegate with orders to expedite the work of clearing the track, and it was thought that delayed mails and passengers would be in Barre by mid-afternoon.

MISS NORA ADAMS
DROWNED HERSELF
AT BURLINGTON

Well Known Young Woman Had Been
Patient in a Sanitarium There Be-
cause of Overwork and
Worry.

Tidings reached here late last night of the death by drowning of Miss Nora C. Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Adams of the Montpelier road, whose body was found near the north beach of Lake Champlain in Burlington. A message received by the young woman's parents made certain in a tragic way the fears which relatives and close friends of Miss Adams had felt when it became known that she disappeared in the afternoon. She had been a patient in the Lake View sanitarium for six weeks and it was while she was exercising with some of the attendants that her absence was noted. The deceased was very well known in Barre and her untimely passing was mourned by many friends.

The body will arrive in Barre from Burlington late this afternoon, and arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

The Free Press of Burlington gives the following account of the tragedy: "The body of Miss Nora Catherine Adams of Barre, who while out exercising yesterday afternoon eluded her attendants at the Lake View sanitarium, was found about 9:30 o'clock last evening in three feet of water about 15 feet from shore on the north beach, where she had walked into the water to take her life, following a nervous breakdown due to too close concentration to business and suffering with the hallucination that she was in danger of becoming insane. The body was found by John Broadwell, an employee at the stable of the sanitarium, who was dragging the lake-in company with his brother.

"Miss Adams had been at the sanitarium about six weeks. Her illness came upon her last October, when she became highly nervous. In spite of her condition Miss Adams kept her employment and worked up to within four days of Thanksgiving day, when she came to the sanitarium for treatment and rest. Yesterday afternoon she, with other patients at the sanitarium, was taken out by nurses for exercise. Miss Adams, who was in her usual mood, left the party, stating to the nurse that she was going to the barn for a sled. She was gone but a short time when one of the attendants followed. When she was not found at the barn her footprints were traced down through the grounds of the sanitarium to the bank leading to the Rutland railroad, thence down an incline to the beach. There her coat was found but no trace could be seen of her in the water.

"Those in charge of the sanitarium were of the opinion that Miss Adams might have attempted to find her way home. The police were notified and a general alarm was sent out. "A boat was procured by Broadwell and he, with his brother, dragged the lake in the vicinity of the place where the woman's footsteps led to the water. They did not hook onto the body with the grapple but discovered it by means of the moonlight and a white waist which the woman wore. Broadwell immediately made his way to the police office and Chief of Police Russell and Health Officer Dr. F. J. Ennis went to the beach, where the body was taken from the water and to the rooms of Read & Dower, undertakers.

"Miss Adams was an expert stenographer and bookkeeper, being employed by the C. P. Gill company at Montpelier. She was especially keen at her work, being excellent at estimating, etc. She was a woman of pleasant personality and had many friends who learned of her illness with sorrow. Her mother received a most optimistic letter from her Monday in which she stated that her condition was much improved and she would soon be able to go home.

"Miss Adams was 34 years of age, being born in Scotland on Aug. 21, 1882, the daughter of Alexander and Bessie Cooper Adams. She came to America with her family when about three years of age and had lived in Barre about 27 years. She had enjoyed the best of health up to the time that business caused nervousness, living at home with her parents. Besides her parents she is survived by two brothers, Walter F. Adams of Worcester, Mass., and W. G. Adams of Barre. The latter was summoned to this city last evening and will take the remains home to-day."

BUSINESS MEN'S DINNERS.
Series of Four During Winter Months
Arranged.

Through the enterprise of the Barre Board of Trade, an attractive series of four business men's dinners has been arranged for the month of January, February, March and April. The first dinner will be served at Hotel Barre on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 11. A speaker no less prominent than W. A. Clark, president of the New England Coal dealers' association, has been engaged for the evening. Mr. Clark is a resident of Northampton, Mass., and a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. His speech will consist of timely remarks relating to the coal situation and a thorough investigation of the conditions under which coal is mined and transported at the present time has enabled him to gain much first-hand knowledge of some of the problems confronting users and distributors of coal. The dinner will be served early in the evening in order to allow the speaker ample time for his remarks.

Tickets selling at \$4 each for the series may be obtained from W. G. Reynolds, president of the Board of Trade, W. D. McDonald, president of the Granite Manufacturers' association, D. J. Morse, H. P. Hinman, H. A. Phelps and J. E. Higgins. It is expected that other topics to be considered by the speakers at future dinners will include traffic and transportation, publicity and merchandising.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED
For A. W. Gray's Sons, Manufacturers
at Middletown Springs.

Rutland, Jan. 3.—D. D. Woodard of Granville, N. Y., A. Y. Gray of Middletown Springs and Henry Spallholz of Poultney have been appointed receivers for A. W. Gray's Sons, manufacturers of machinery at Middletown Springs, on petition of the Bangs Machine Co. of Poultney through A. Y. Gray, president. The appointment was agreed to by the directors of the Middletown concern.

GIVE POWER CO.
CONCESSIONS

Barre City Council Votes to
Lengthen Central Power
Co. Franchise

ALSO TO EXTEND
CONSTRUCTION TIME

The 50-Cent M. Clause
Is to Be Stricken from
the Statutes

Contingent upon the passage of a bill which the city council has requested Representative F. G. Howland to introduce in the present session of the general assembly, the county jailer will have to look to the prisoner for pay instead of the town or municipality whence he was committed when the detention is the result of delinquency in the matter of paying taxes. Legislation that has been agitated in the city council of Barre and elsewhere for some time may be brought about through a motion carried at the regular meeting of the council last evening when the clerk read a proposed amendment to act No. 615 of the public statutes, which will radically change one of its sections. Within the past two years the city charity department has upon her last October when she became highly nervous. In spite of her condition Miss Adams kept her employment and worked up to within four days of Thanksgiving day, when she came to the sanitarium for treatment and rest. Yesterday afternoon she, with other patients at the sanitarium, was taken out by nurses for exercise. Miss Adams, who was in her usual mood, left the party, stating to the nurse that she was going to the barn for a sled. She was gone but a short time when one of the attendants followed. When she was not found at the barn her footprints were traced down through the grounds of the sanitarium to the bank leading to the Rutland railroad, thence down an incline to the beach. There her coat was found but no trace could be seen of her in the water.

More concessions to the Central Power Co., which is seeking franchise rights in Barre, are to be made as the result of action taken after a letter from Charles H. Thompson to Alderman Glysson had been read. The company's representative reaffirmed his request for a copy of the franchise which the council proposes to grant and through the medium of a motion offered by Alderman Healy, the clerk was authorized to forward a copy of the draft to the corporation after making certain changes. Mr. Thompson quoted from a letter from his firm by the Rutledge Dynamo & Engine Co., stating that from 15 to 23 months would be required to deliver dynamo of the type desired by the company. For that and other reasons, Mr. Thompson reiterated his assertion that the council should give the corporation more ample time in which to extend its wires from East Middlebury to Barre.

Pros and cons of the question were discussed at length and then the clerk was instructed to insert a number of concessions, summarized as follows: Extension of the life of the franchise from 25 to 40 years; extension of the time when the company shall be furnishing power from 1918 to 1920; abolish proposed 50-cent meter clause and substitute therefore a clause inhibiting corporation from charging for meters or meter installation, making it mandatory to install a meter, making of charge when requested, and the inhibition of the minimum charge. A copy of the revamped franchise is to be mailed to the corporation at once and copies for the council members will be available before the regular meeting next week.

People who leave red sweaters or astrachan coats, for that matter, in the city court room and lose them through the failure of those in authority to serve proper notice of their purpose to throw open the doors of the house of justice to itinerant thespians, may properly pray for reimbursement and said authorities are liable. That is the gist of City Atty. Wishart's opinion in the matter of the now famous article of wearing apparel which disappeared from the municipal courtroom one night last fall. Automatically, the buck was passed to Alderman Bruce, who is said to have admitted members of a theatrical company to the court room when it became evident that an extra large chorus carried by the show would have to seek quarters other than the inadequate rooms provided at the opera house in order to don the fur coats, thick leggings, wristlets and other appurtenances of their profession. The council accepted the opinion almost unanimously, but nothing more was done in way of providing redress for Miss Mary Donetti, the judge's clerk, who is applying for reimbursement.

To tide over the city finances until the next administration comes in, the following sums were appropriated in a resolution which was adopted after its second reading: Streets, \$1,500; lighting, \$2,100; sprinkling streets, \$150; sewers, \$200; surface sewers, \$500; sidewalks, \$600; bridges and culverts, \$400; engineering, \$500; salaries, \$1,200; water, \$2,500; health, \$600; births and deaths, \$175; police, \$1,600; insurance, \$1,000; printing and stationery, \$500; city records, \$100; interest, \$2,500; schools, \$10,000; dog licenses and damages, \$100; elections, \$350; driving horses, \$300; taxes, \$100; cemetery trust funds, \$500; Helen Wood fund, \$20.29. In connection with the above, the printing committee was instructed to make arrangements with printing concerns for submitting bids on the issuance of the annual city report.

A report from the legislative committee contained a proposed amendment to the city ordinances, chapter 29, section 4, which changes the system of taxing theatres. The schedule adopted a few weeks ago whereby theatres having a seating capacity of less than 500 are charged \$1 per day, between 500 and 750, \$1.25 per day, and more than 750, \$2.25 per day, and before the amendment is finally adopted it is possible that the council may do something for the em-horse circus which heretofore have had to pay the \$50 fee met by the big tent shows. The proposed amendment was passed along to the next meeting.

Fifty-six arrests in a month were reported by the chief of the police department and all for the following causes: Intoxication 26, selling liquor illegally 2, search and seizure 2, breach of the peace